

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0037] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0037] Although the tape 7 used in the film bonding machine 1 of the embodiment is not particularly limited, a transparent heat shrink tape, for example, can be preferably used. Further, as shown in Fig. 1(a), a tape having a bonding agent and a ~~separation paper~~ 16separation paper on the surface of it to be bonded can be preferably used. The tape bonding means 9 shown in Fig. 1(a) further includes a separation paper draw-out unit 13 for winding the separation paper 16 of the tape 7. Further, the tape bonding means 9 shown in Fig. 1(a) further includes a press unit 14 for improving an intimate contact property by pressing the tape 7 bonded onto the end surface 8 of the honeycomb structural body 6.